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RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)

TPUC Docket No. 37181 – Application of East Texas Telecommunications L.L.C. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and as an Eligible Telecommunications Provider

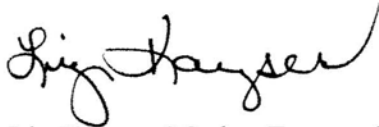
ETC Designation of East Texas Telecommunications L.L.C. and Affidavit

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to East Texas Telecommunications, L.L.C. (ETT). The attached *Order No. 7*, TPUC Docket No. 37181, issued on October 26, 2009, grants ETT an ETC designation in the entire study area of United Telephone of Texas d/b/a Embarq (Embarq). Embarq (United study area) is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier.

Also attached for your information is the letter and affidavit of Terrence Peck, Chief Executive Officer of ETT., which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. §54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for ETT.

If you require any additional information please contact me at (512)-936-7390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Kayser", with a stylized, cursive script.

Liz Kayser, Market Economist
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cc: attachments